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PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES ON CANTONMENT BOARDS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme of the Government to increase the participation of public representatives on Cantonment Boards;

(b) the reasons for not inviting the local MP or MLA to the meetings of the Boards depriving them of active participation;

(c) whether the Government have any scheme to remove this discrepancy;

(d) the reasons for not handing over the management of cantonment boards to the respective State Governments; and

(e) the grounds on which the grants are provided by the Government to cantonment boards for completion of development and construction works alongwith the criteria for sanctioning amount of grants therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): The Cantonment Act, under the provisions of which Cantonment Boards have been constituted, does not provide for representation of MPs and MLAs in the Boards.This issue will be addressed at the time when amendment of the Cantonment Act is taken up.

(e) Financial aid is provided to the deficit Cantonment Boards by way of Ordinary grants-in-aid tobalance their budget and Special grants-in-aid for development works in case they are unable to meet from their own resources.